

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Vijay B. Chawan
MICHIO AIZAWA ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2626
Application No.: 10/754,533)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 8254
Filed: January 12, 2004)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	
AND METHOD	:	July 31, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on January 12, 2004.

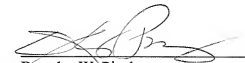
To date, Applicants have not received an Official Action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the case has been examined. A Status Inquiry was filed on July 14, 2005 in this regard, but no response thereto was received by Applicants.

Applicants respectfully request that an Official Action be issued in the above-identified application.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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